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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director, FBI of the U.S. visited New Delhi recently to discuss measures to strengthen cooperation between the US and India to fight international terrorism;

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held with him; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken in pursuance thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Mr. Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) of the United States visited New Delhi on 21-22 January 2002. The visit was in the context of ongoing cooperation between India and the United States on the global campaign against terrorism.

(b)&(c) The two sides discussed ways to make their fight against terrorism more effective, by streamlining the sharing of information as also by technical collaboration through the mechanism of the bilateral Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty.